

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LISBON 01954 051506Z

60

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 ISO-00 SAJ-01 NIC-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /065 W
----- 008503

R 051137Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2383

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION NATO

DIA WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

AMCONSUL OPORTO

AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LISBON 1954

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PO

SUBJ: COMMUNIST PARTY PROGRAM

1. COMMUNIST PARTY PUBLISHED ITS ELECTORAL PROGRAM ON APRIL 4.
PROGRAM'S BASIC THEME IS THAT PARTY'S GOAL IS TO CONSTRUCT
SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM VIA A REVOLUTION THAT IS "DEMOCRATIC"
AND "NATIONAL." HIGHLIGHTS:

2. FOREIGN POLICY: PORTUGAL MUST BE FREED FROM FOREIGN
IMPERIALIST DOMINATION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC
MISERY AND BACKWARDNESS OF PORTUGUESE. BESIDES EXPROPRIATION
AND NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLISTIC ENTERPRISES, THIS INVOLVED
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LISBON 01954 051506Z

NORMALIZATION AND INTENSIFICATION OF TRADE RELATIONS WITH

SOCIALIST (I.E. COMMUNIST) COUNTRIES. IT ALSO INVOLVED THE ABROGATION OF ALL TREATIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE INJURIOUS TO PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE WILL BE FURTHERED BY FREEING PORTUGAL FROM IMPERIALIST MILITARY PRESENCE, AN ACCOMPLISHMENT WHICH ALSO WILL SERVE TO FREE PORTUGUESE DIPLOMACY FROM THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRINCIPAL FOREIGN SUPPORTER OF REACTION. (US, USSR, NATO NOT MENTIONED BY NAME.)

3. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REVOLUTION: DEMOCRACY MEANS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM OF PORTUGUESE SOCIETY, AN END WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY THROUGH THE LIQUIDATION OF THE PRINCIPAL SOCIAL BASE FOR FASCISM AND REACTION, THE MONOPOLISTS AND LARGE LAND-OWNERS. AMONG OTHER MEASURES THIS INVOLVES NATIONALIZATION OF ECONOMY'S BASIC SECTORS (EXCEPT FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES), INDUSTRIALIZATION, REORGANIZATION OF FISHING INDUSTRY, STATE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF FOREIGN COMMERCE, IMPOSITION OF PROGRESSIVE SYSTEM OF TAXATION, AND DELIVERING THE MAJOR PART OF CULTIVATED LAND FROM THE CONTROL OF SMALL GROUP OF ECONOMIC PARASITES TO THAT OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IT.

4. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY: THE ARMED FORCES, POLICE, COURTS, AND BUREAUCRACY MUST BE PUT AT THE PEOPLE'S AND COUNTRY'S SERVICE. THERE ALSO MUST BE A RADICAL MODIFICATION IN THE COUNTRY'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND IN THE AREA OF CULTURE. THE STATE'S INFORMATION ORGANS MUST BE REORGANIZED, PLACING RADIO AND TELEVISION AT THE SERVICE OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE. LIBERTIES MUST BE CONSOLIDATED, CREATING ORGANS OF STATE POWER THAT ASSURE THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS AND NATIONAL POLICY. A DEMOCRATIC STATE MUST BE THE INSTRUMENT TO DEFEND THE NEW REGIME AGAINST ATTEMPTS AT COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION. FORCES OF REACTION MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE LIBERTIES IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF DEMOCRACY. THE DEMOCRATIC ORDER MUST BE FIRMLY DEFENDED AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF LIBERTY.

5. DECOLONIZATION: ELIMINATION OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM WILL ELIMINATE ONE OF REACTION'S MOST IMPORTANT BASES.

6. PASSAGE TO SOCIALISM: THE PCP WILL RESPECT THE POPULAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 LISBON 01954 051506Z

WILL. IT ALSO WILL OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPTS TO IMPEDE OR DISTORT THE POPULAR WILL. ONCE THE PRINCIPAL MEANS OF PRODUCTION HAVE BEEN GAINED, PORTUGAL WILL BE ABLE TO PURSUE ITS OWN ROAD TO SOCIALISM. HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT MANY FORMS ARE POSSIBLE, SUCH AS A MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM OR ONE BASED ON ORGANIZATIONS OF POPULAR UNITY COMPOSED OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIAL FORCES. THE FORM TO BE ASSUMED IN PORTUGAL WILL DEPEND ON THE SYSTEM OF ALLIANCES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE

PROLETARIAT. GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF PORTUGUESE SOCIETY, UNDERTAKING THIS DEMOCRATIC AND NATIONAL REVOLUTION WILL CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO A PEACEFUL PASSAGE TO SOCIALISM.

7. COMMENT: PCP PROGRAM MAKES NO CONCESSIONS TO NON-PROLETARIAN GROUPS IN PORTUGUESE SOCIETY. DESPITE THE PCP'S CONSISTENT POLICY OF IDENTIFYING ITSELF WITH THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM), THE PROGRAM REFERS TO THE AFM BY NAME ONLY ONCE, AND THEN WITHOUT DWELLING ON OR PRAISING IT. THE PROGRAM IS PREDICTABLY SHORT ON GUARANTEES OF COMMUNIST WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH FORCES OTHER THAN "SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARY" ONES, AND LONG ON MENACING HINTS OF REPRESSIVE MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE NAME OF DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.
CARLUCCI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION LAW, PUBLICATIONS, COMMUNISTS, POLITICAL PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LISBON01954
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750119-0146
From: LISBON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750478/aaaacths.tel
Line Count: 131
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 MAY 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <20 MAY 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COMMUNIST PARTY PROGRAM
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006